

Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

CO Trey Luce and Sgt. Pete Wright assisted the Michigan State Police (MSP) with a complaint of a drunk driver traveling on M-95 near Republic. The driver was causing numerous near head-on accidents and narrowly missed a semi tractor trailer. The driver was located and arrested for operating while intoxicated (OWI), with a blood alcohol content of three times the legal limit.

COs Trey Luce and Mark Leadman have been spending a lot of time working on the streams in the Marquette area. Arrests have been made for keeping short fish, over limits, and no fishing licenses.

CO Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy stopped a dune buggy operating with a burned out headlight. The driver stated that he just purchased the ORV. The driver did not have a license and had several prior arrests for auto theft, flee and elude and alcohol violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund arrested an ORV operator from Minnesota on a felony warrant out of Minnesota for violating the terms of probation after he was convicted of felony terrorist threats. The operator was lodged in the Iron County jail awaiting extradition.

CO Ryan Aho observed a large amount of smoke coming from behind a residence near Iron Mountain. CO Aho investigated and found a four acre fire burning and the homeowner trying to extinguish it. The local fire department was called and the fire was contained, as it nearly caught the neighboring residence on fire.

CO Brett Gustafson encountered a bear that had just emerged from the den. The bear had an apparent injury to the left front foot and the CO is currently working with Wildlife Division to monitor the health of the bear during the next few weeks.

CO Matthew Eberly responded to a complaint of a goose being harassed on the Portage Canal. It was found that the nest is very close to the launch site, and the "harassment" was actually boats being launched legally.

COs Jason Wicklund and Dave Painter responded to a complaint of a subject having illegal animals in his house. The COs interviewed the subject and removed a frozen owl from the subject's freezer, along with a fawn hide that he had tanned. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon responded to two fires this week that had escaped while the subject was burning brush. No burn permits were being issued due to the high fire danger. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Aho educated three ORV operators who were not aware that their ORV licenses had expired. The youths were not far from a license agent and happily went to purchase their 2009 ORV licenses.

Area 3 conservation officers worked a group patrol on the Menominee River targeting over limits and snagging of walleye. The run was spotty, with suckers having already moved in. Tickets were issued for an over limit of walleye and no fishing license.

DISTRICT 2

CO John Wenzel handled a complaint of dogs chasing deer in the Stonington Peninsula area. The dog's owner has been identified and is being contacted.

COs Gerald Thayer, Kevin Postma and Sgt. Wally Binder conducted a group patrol on the Carp River and issued tickets for license violations.

CO Gerald Thayer, assisted by CO Andrea Erratt, is continuing an investigation from last summer on an unregistered yacht. Charges have been filed.

CO Kyle Publiski, while on his way to assist Wildlife Division personnel, stopped a subject who was driving erratically. The result was an arrest for driving under the influence of drugs. The vehicle contained evidence of three different types of controlled substances.

COs Derek Miller and Mike Hammill assisted MSP troopers on a domestic violence with shots fired case in Mackinaw County. COs Miller and Hammill searched the local roads and found the male subject, who had removed two minor children from their mother's home. The COs stopped the vehicle and the subject was taken into custody and turned over to the MSP without incident. The children were returned to their mother.

CO John Wenzel assisted local fire departments with a fire in Ensign Township. The subject involved had called to get a burning permit, but was denied due to high fire danger. When interviewed after the 15 acres burned, he stated he dropped a cigarette which must have caused the fire. He was ticketed for allowing a fire to escape.

COs Reid Roeske and Robert Crisp arrested two subjects involved with taking pike illegally. The COs observed a woman attempt to take a pike from a stream with her hands. She was unsuccessful in that attempt, but when they were contacted at their vehicle, a pike was found in their back seat. She and the male subject were ticketed for several violations.

DISTRICT 3

All Cheboygan and Presque Isle County COs have been working spring walleye, steelhead and northern pike fish spawning runs. Several complaints have been received and contacts and miscellaneous fisheries related tickets have been issued.

Cheboygan and Presque Isle County COs have been responded to several wildfires, with resulting investigations completed. Wildfire reports are being completed and charges are being sought.

CO Michael Feagan responded to a fire that escaped and was extinguished just prior to reaching a residence. The vinyl siding on the home was melted from the heat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Theunick responded to a complaint of illegal burning and found the remains of a structure that was torn down being burned. A ticket for illegal disposal of solid waste was issued.

CO Richard Stowe patrolled the Ocqueoc River, watching for the illegal take of freshly planted steelhead trout. CO Stowe also received recreational trespass complaints along the Ocqueoc River, which are currently under investigation.

On opening morning of turkey season, CO Eric Bottorff responded to a complaint of a turkey shot on private land off the road. Upon arrival in the area, CO Bottorff observed a vehicle parked on the roadway and two subjects throwing a turkey into the truck. After stopping the vehicle and interviewing the subjects, confessions were received. The passenger shot the turkey while sitting inside the truck on private land without permission. Neither subject had turkey tags for the unit in which it was shot. The subjects are being charged with illegally killing a turkey and the bird and firearm were seized.

CO Bill Webster ticketed a trapper for placing a conibear trap above the water line on a beaver dam. CO Webster also ticketed two ORV operators; one for operating on state land in a closed area who was also carrying a passenger. Another ORV operator was driving while his license was suspended and received a ride to the county jail.

CO Bill Webster and Sgt. Chris Morris, while working a night patrol for protection of spawning fish, located two anglers on a closed trout stream. The officers observed one of the two subjects using a spear. CO Webster overheard the subject with the spear say, "I got a bonus fish." Upon contacting the anglers, the bonus fish turned out to be a six pound steelhead trout. About 30 suckers and the trout were seized and tickets were issued to both subjects for their illegal activities.

CO Joe Molnar checked two trappers in a field with their beaver catch and found they had not purchased their required 2009 fur harvester licenses. After investigation it was determined that other violations had also been committed. A report is being written and other related trapping charges will be filed through the prosecutor.

CO Steve Speigl received a complaint from a homeowner that a male turkey with an arrow through it showed up at their bird feeder. The turkey could still get along pretty well with the exception of being able to fly. CO Speigl is still investigating the complaint.

CO Steve Speigl discovered a decrepit fishing shanty left on state land near Torch Lake. The name and address of the owner were spray painted over and unreadable. Several interviews with neighboring anglers helped CO Speigl identify the owner. A ticket was issued.

DISTRICT 4

CO Brian Brosky was patrolling the Pere Marquette River system when he received a complaint of two subjects fishing within 300 feet of the Custer Weir. CO Brosky responded and observed the subjects for several minutes actively fishing before making contact. The subjects stated they didn't think COs would be working on Easter Sunday. Two tickets were issued.

CO Steve Converse was working a patrol at Tippy Dam when he observed two subjects attempting to take undersized young fish that had been planted by DNR Fisheries Division employees just two days prior. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Steve Converse and Sam Koscinski were working in Manistee County at Tippy Dam when they encountered a group of subjects in a state forest campground being loud and disruptive. After contacting the group, several violations were uncovered. Tickets were issued for littering, failing to register at a state campground, and illegal possession of fish.

CO Mike Borkovich handled three different complaints regarding the burning of illegal materials. One subject was tearing apart a trailer and burning furniture. The second subject was salvaging metal. Enforcement action was taken. A third subject was also ticketed for illegally burning.

With the warmer weather, "mudder" truck activity has picked up district wide. CO Diane Drogowski has ticketed several individuals for operating in closed areas. One subject was ticketed for operating on the VASA cross country ski trail in Grand Traverse County. A cross country skier had called to report that he had to move off the trail to get out of the way of the vehicle. CO Sean Kehoe also ticketed a subject for creating an erosive condition after a subject got his vehicle stuck in a closed area.

CO Diane Drogowski investigated a complaint in Grand Traverse County regarding a dove that had been shot with a blow dart. The complainant told the CO that the dove came to her bird feeder several times with a dart sticking out of its chest until one day it died. The complainant advised the CO that there were several subjects who lived in the same apartment building who had been seen with a blow dart gun. CO Drogowski contacted the subjects, and after a lengthy interview one subject stated he was sure he was the one who hit the dove with the dart. Charges were authorized by the prosecutor for two of the subjects for attempt to take and taking of the dove.

This past snowmobile season CO Diane Drogowski stopped a snowmobiler in Grand Traverse County operating on the wrong side of a trail, narrowly missing CO Drogowski.

The CO had written the subject a ticket for careless operation at the time. The CO later learned that the subject had provided false identification. The subject gave the CO a paper driver's license that he had stolen from a friend. The owner of the driver's license had been contacted by the court regarding a missed court date; the court then contacted the CO regarding the possible false identification. Further investigation by CO Drogowski led to the true identity of the subject, who had a suspended driver's license. Warrants were authorized by the prosecutor for reckless operation of a snowmobile, providing false identification (under the snowmobile act) and operating a snowmobile while license suspended.

CO Sam Koscinski was patrolling in the area near the Hodenpyl Dam when he observed a vehicle that had gone over an embankment. The CO contacted two subjects inside the vehicle who appeared to have been drinking. Both subjects failed breathalyzer tests. The driver was lodged and the 17 year old passenger was turned over to his mother. The 17 year old was ticketed for minor in possession and the incident was turned over to the MSP.

CO Diane Drogowski and Sgt. Michelle Wiegand were recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation by the MSP for information and testimony they provided in a marijuana growing operation occurring on state land in Kalkaska County. In 2007, CO Drogowski received a complaint from small game hunters who had observed suspicious activity. A license plate number was obtained by the CO from a vehicle parked in the area. CO Drogowski and Sgt. Wiegand returned to the area of the complaint the next day and located the site of the marijuana growing operation. Members of the Traverse Narcotics Team were contacted by the COs, evidence seized, contact made with the subject, interviews conducted and a search warrant obtained. Charges were filed and the subject was eventually found guilty of delivery of a controlled substance and also found guilty for a 2nd offense drug related charge. The subject was sentenced to \$1360 fines and costs, one year in jail, and his driver's license was suspended.

CO Angela Greenway was conducting a joint ORV patrol with local deputies when they encountered a subject in the act of spinning donuts on a county dirt road at a trail crossing. The subject looked at the officers approaching with their emergency lights on, pulled a wheelie and sped away down the trail. The officers searched along the trail crossings and located the subject about four miles away from the initial sighting. The subject was lodged at the county jail on several charges including operating with a suspended driver's license. The patrol also resulted in tickets issued to several other individuals for operating ORVs illegally on roadways and operating without trail permits.

CO Brian Brosky worked several complaints of persons fishing inside the closed area at the Custer Weir in Mason County. He apprehended several persons fishing too close to the weir on three occasions during the week. One subject was lodged after giving false identification in an attempt to get out of a ticket.

CO Steve Converse was working a late night on the Manistee River near an access site when he observed two subjects catching fish. The two anglers were catching walleye,

walking into the shadows to unhook them, and tossing them into the grass. CO Converse contacted the subjects with the evidence hidden in the grass. Tickets were issued and the fish were seized.

CO Angela Greenway responded to a fire that had escaped from a Lake County residence after the landowner had started a fire to burn items on the property. COs Sam Koscinski and Jair Kollasch responded from Wexford County to assist with possible evacuation of nearby residences, but the fire was contained before that was necessary. CO Greenway investigated the incident and determined that the landowner had started the fire by accident. The case has been turned over to the Lake County prosecutor for review.

CO Steve Converse and CO Sam Koscinski were working along the Manistee River when they encountered several subjects with illegal gear attempting to snag fish. The COs contacted the subjects and wrote tickets for fishing with illegal gear and fishing without licenses. One subject was also arrested on an outstanding warrant.

CO Justin Vanderlinde contacted operators of a group of jeeps on the road near a local hill climb area. The CO contacted the subject operating the first jeep in the group and advised them to stay off the hill. The subject assured the CO that they would. The CO doubled back to the location of the high climb and observed that the last jeep in the group had climbed the hill. The operator of the jeep was ticketed for operating in a manner to create an erosive condition and given a verbal warning for trespassing.

CO Justin Vanderlinde was dispatched to the site of an illegal burn in Benzie County. While the property owner was being ticketed for the burning violation, the CO observed her boyfriend coming out of the barn with a mattress. As soon as the boyfriend saw the CO he turned around and went back into the barn with the mattress. The boyfriend was lodged on an outstanding warrant.

COs Jair Kollasch and Diane Drogowski contacted a subject cutting wood on state land in Grand Traverse County. The subject did have a permit but had cut a large standing tree. He was ticketed for the violation.

COs Diane Drogowski and Jair Kollasch contacted three subjects fishing in the Sand Lakes area of Grand Traverse County. The subjects had caught fourteen rainbow trout. One subject was ticketed for fishing without a license and four of the trout were seized.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn contacted two anglers who had trespassed on private property to access a stretch of river closed to fishing. The subjects had also failed to purchase their fishing licenses.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz located a "mudder" truck with an expired license plate that had become stuck and was abandoned on a closed portion of a snowmobile trail. There

were more than two dozen empty beer cans lying on the ground around the vehicle. A subject stopped and informed CO Liestenfeltz that the truck had come from a nearby cabin and the subjects had been out tearing up the road the night before. Officer Liestenfeltz contacted the owner of the vehicle who admitted to driving the vehicle around the barriers into the closed area.

CO Mike Hearn assisted MSP troopers who had stopped a subject on the road who was reported to be suicidal and in possession of a firearm. After a period of time, the subject agreed to voluntarily admit himself for help. A firearm was recovered from the vehicle.

Area officers have responded to multiple burning complaints during the period, as well as investigating numerous wildfires.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz observed a subject fishing along a canal lined with anglers. When the subject saw the CO, he set the pole down and walked away. CO Liestenfeltz then contacted the subject who told the CO it was not his fishing pole. When CO Liestenfeltz advised the subject that he had been watching him and had observed him fishing, the subject said what he meant to say was that he had been fishing but the fishing pole did not belong to him. The subject had no fishing license, even though he had just been to the local sport shop to purchase minnows.

CO Brian Engelhard assisted MSP in locating a subject who had fled from them on foot. A short search of the area was conducted followed by a check at the home of the subject's mother where the individual was located and arrested.

CO Warren MacNeill responded to several fires this week. One subject was burning debris and the local fire department came and put the fire out and advised the subject not to burn any more. As soon as the firemen left, the subject re-ignited the debris, which then got out of control and burned his neighbor's property. A ticket was issued.

CO Brian Olsen assisted the local deputies in rescuing three subjects who had overturned a row boat on an inland lake. Two local volunteer firemen had responded to help them. The firemen borrowed a paddleboat to assist the victims, but overturned it and were also in need of rescue. CO Olsen and the deputy borrowed a paddleboat and, along with some other firemen, rescued all five of the individuals. The three original victims were found to be intoxicated.

CO Brian Olsen responded to a small wildfire and evacuated nearby homes that were in danger. The fire was contained and there were no injuries.

COs Tami Pullen, Rebecca Hopkins, and Bobbi Bashore were patrolling on foot at night and observed a vehicle chasing deer in a parking area. After a short time, the vehicle stopped and one subject got out. After hearing what sounded like a shotgun being racked, the COs contacted the subject and, using their flashlights, identified themselves and could see what appeared to be a short barreled shotgun. The subject was told to put the gun down and, after some hesitation, put the gun on the ground. After securing

the gun, it was found to be an air soft gun which, at night, fully resembled a real shotgun. The subject admitted to intentionally chasing the deer with his car and was ticketed for harassing wildlife with a motor vehicle.

CO Joel Lundberg was on patrol and observed the driver of a car throwing papers out the vehicle window. CO Lundberg quickly retrieved the papers, which happened to be mail containing a name and address. CO Lundberg then stopped the car and identified the driver as the person to whom the mail was addressed. When CO Lundberg asked the driver why she had thrown litter out the window, she said she was just getting rid of her junk mail. A litter ticket was issued.

CO Joel Lundberg was on patrol when a moped crossed over the center line nearly hitting his patrol vehicle. CO Lundberg stopped the driver and quickly ascertained that the subject was under the influence of alcohol. Assisted by local deputies, it was also determined that the subject had two prior arrests for drunk driving. The subject was arrested for felony third offense driving while intoxicated and lodged in the county jail.

CO Steve Lockwood was conducting surveillance on the river after dark and observed a subject catching fish and carrying them back to his truck. Officer Lockwood contacted the subject, who at first denied catching any fish. After realizing that CO Lockwood knew he had caught fish, the subject then confessed and gave CO Lockwood the 16 walleye he had hidden on a stringer. After further investigation, CO Lockwood followed the subject back to his house where he had five bags of filleted walleye that he had also taken illegally.

DISTRICT 6

COs Phil Hudson and Nick Atkin responded to a burning complaint where the subject was having a property line dispute with the neighbor over a well. The subject got mad and pulled the well house to a burn pile and lit it on fire. The subject told the COs he knew he could not burn the materials the well house was made of, but he was mad at the neighbor. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jay Person was across the Tittabawasee River watching two anglers casting illegal lures during the walleye closure. The CO watched the pair change their lures numerous times. As CO Person was headed out of his hiding spot to make contact, he took one last look in time to see the pair light up and start smoking marijuana. Upon contact, the two individuals put their poles down and stated they new about the closure. When asked about the marijuana, one subject reached into his pocket and produced the pipe and the small amount of leftover marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeremy Payne and Chad Foerster, while working the Kawkawlin River, observed numerous anglers near the mouth of the river. Several of the anglers were upstream in the river fishing in a closed area and using illegal lures. Enforcement action was taken. The day before, one of the subjects was given a verbal warning for using the illegal

gear. A day later, CO Holly Pennoni arrested him for the same violation and possessing an overlimit of walleye.

CO Chad Foerster worked the Saginaw County River System and encountered numerous subjects fishing in remote areas from the banks. The CO found them to be using illegal lures, fishing without licenses, and several were in possession of walleye taken out of season. Enforcement action was taken and one subject was lodged at the Saginaw County jail on outstanding warrants.

While conducting surveillance on the Kawkawlin River, CO Jeremy Payne observed numerous anglers catching walleye in a closed area. COs Payne and Chad Foerster contacted the anglers, seized numerous illegal walleye, and ticketed the individuals.

While conducting surveillance at the Kawkawlin River mouth, COs Phil Hudson, Jeremy Payne, Holly Pennoni and Sgts. Ron Kimmerly and Tony Soave observed numerous individuals catch their limit of walleye. Later in the day some of the same anglers returned to catch a second limit. The COs contacted the "double dipping" anglers. Numerous fish were seized and tickets were issued for catching over limits of walleye. Anglers were surprised to find out that the area was under surveillance for 17 hours.

CO Phil Hudson received a phone call late one night from an anonymous caller stating he knew where five pounds of marijuana was hidden. The CO had worked on fish and game violation complaints in the past from this individual and gained their respect and trust. CO Hudson met with the complainant, gathered information, and contacted the area narcotics team. A search of the residence produced six pounds of marijuana and over \$2000 dollars in cash.

CO Dan Lee conducted surveillance on two anglers spearing suckers in a Saginaw County Creek. The CO observed that all the fish speared were thrown onto the shore. The CO quickly back tracked the creek looking for any pike or walleye the anglers might have speared. Finding only suckers, the CO caught up to the subjects who were themselves back tracking the creek to pick up their suckers. One subject was also carrying a muskrat he had speared. Enforcement action was taken.

While walking through a field in the process of conducting a deer investigation, CO Robert Hobkirk was almost run over by a herd of approximately 20 deer being chased by two dogs, who ran off. CO Hobkirk located the dogs one section to the north, still chasing the deer, and as he tried to get close to the dogs, they ran into an abandoned barn. Using his catch pole, he caught both dogs and transported them to the local animal shelter. CO Hobkiirk is attempting to identify the owners of the dogs.

CO Robert Hobkirk responded to a marsh fire near the Sumac Island Access Site in Huron County. The fire started when an individual had a small yard fire get out of control and into the marsh. The local fire department contained the fire and CO Hobkirk issued the subject a ticket for burning without a permit.

COs Holly Pennoni, Jeremy Payne, Phil Hudson and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly worked a group patrol on the Kawkawlin River after receiving several complaints of over limits of walleye being taken. After watching anglers throughout the day at the mouth of the Kawkawlin River, it was determined that some of the shore anglers had taken over their limit and had their kids running fish up to their vehicles. The COs were able to stop all anglers suspected of taking over limits. One angler tried to say his son caught some of the fish, and his friend was caught with three walleye over his limit as well. Another angler had taken a limit in the morning and returned to take four more walleye that evening. A search of that angler's freezer revealed several bags of frozen walleyes taken from the Kawkawlin River. Several walleye were seized from all three anglers and enforcement action was taken.

COs Seth Rhodea and Jason Smith assisted a local police officer on a traffic stop with a subject who had speared pike in his vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Smith caught two 16 year old juveniles spearing pike out of season. The juveniles were turned over to their parents and notified of the violations.

CO Joshua Wright was working a night patrol for spearing activity when he observed a vehicle parked down the road turn its headlights on and drive away. After following the vehicle and observing it swerve in and out of the lane, CO Wright stopped the vehicle. The driver was put through sobriety tests and was eventually lodged for OWI.

DISTRICT 7

CO Jeff Rabbers ticketed two subjects for possession of fishing gear along Prairie Creek, a closed stream in Ionia County. CO Rabbers also ticketed a subject attempting to block a fish ladder on that stream.

CO Chris Holmes contacted a subject fishing alone with four lines along a river in Kalamazoo County. The angler stated his mother and girlfriend had just left but would be returning soon. When they returned it was established that the original angler had no fishing license and was on probation, the girlfriend who returned to the scene was driving on a suspended driver's license and had no fishing license. CO Holmes issued tickets for unattended lines and verbal warnings for additional violations.

CO Holmes assisted local deputies with the apprehension of a subject who was walking through yards armed with a shotgun. After the subject was taken into custody, it was determined he was involved in a property dispute and was actively cooking methamphetamine during the incident.

CO David Rodgers was patrolling the Rouge River where Fisheries Division recently planted young steelhead. CO Rodgers observed a subject catch and keep one of the undersize trout. After a period of surveillance, CO Rodgers checked the subject and recovered 13 undersize trout hidden in a small backpack. The subject was ticketed for the violation.

Sgt. Dave Shaw and CO David Rodgers observed a father and son snagging spawning steelhead. When contacted with two illegal fish, the father stated he thought "close to the head, within three inches of the mouth", was considered legally caught. The proper interpretation of the law was explained. The father was ticketed for the snagging violation.

CO Greg Patten worked a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of two subjects fishing for bass during the closed season. When contacted as they were landing their boat, it was determined that all of the bass were released. The subjects were warned on the closed season fishing but issued tickets for fishing without licenses and no PFDs.

CO Greg Patten worked in cooperation with North Muskegon Police Department, Muskegon County Fire Agencies and the U.S. Coast Guard with a training exercise on the Muskegon River with a simulated oil/gas spill. Thousands of gallons of dyed water were used to simulate the spill. The training exercise was part of homeland security preparations.

CO Mike McGee responded to a complaint at the Jasper Dairy access site of subjects illegally camping on site. CO McGee checked the area and when he located the individuals, discovered numerous violations, including open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, improper parking, and illegal camping.

DISTRICT 8

COs Damon Owens and Shane Webster utilized mountain bikes to patrol the non-motorized falling waters trail. Numerous contacts were made with individuals happy to see law enforcement on the trail. Fishing and marine violations were encountered on the lakes bordering the trail. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger received a complaint from his local dispatch about a fire that was burning out of control. CO Bigger arrived on scene at approximately 1:30 a.m. along with the fire department. The fire was not responding to water as there were numerous hazardous waste products being burned. An excavator was called in to assist so that the fire department could gain control in extinguishing the fire. Enforcement action was taken on the subject doing the illegal burning of hazardous materials.

While working with a student intern, CO Dan Bigger responded to a call of a suicidal subject who was jumping in front of semi trucks on the highway. As the first responder, CO Bigger was able to gain control of the subject and calm him down. The subject was intoxicated and was upset about being unemployed. The suicidal subject was turned over to the local deputy as he arrived on scene.

CO Pete Purdy contacted three subjects who were all fishing and taking turns casting the same rod. One subject admitted to owning the rod and talked the other subjects into fishing with him. None of the three were in possession of fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J. Smith responded to a complaint of juveniles attempting to take walleye during the closed season. Upon arrival at the scene, the juveniles told CO Smith that the complainant had approached them with a shotgun and stated that he would shoot them and throw their bodies in the water. The complainant denied the statement; however, did admit to raising the shotgun to his shoulder while confronting the juveniles. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Mendez responded to a RAP complaint of a subject taking a turkey out of season. When contacted, the subject told CO Mendez that he thought the season was open. Enforcement action was taken.

While working an ORV trespass complaint on Consumer's Energy property, COs Kyle Bader and Jeff Goss observed three ORVs illegally operating on the property. One ORV stopped while the other two fled the scene. CO Goss was able to apprehend the fleeing subjects at their residence as they were attempting to hide. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader checked two subjects who were fishing on an inland lake. While checking their fishing licenses, CO Bader observed one subject stuffing garbage into a pail in the back of a pick-up truck. The pail was filled with crappie which included a dozen over the limit. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Danny Walzak responded to a complaint of a subject shooting a duck in a pond. Armed with a good description of the subject, CO Walzak waited until he saw the subject in his girlfriend's car as it drove by. CO Walzak contacted the subject and conducted a short interview. When asked about the morning's events, the individual stated "I was just baiting ducks". Eventually the subject admitted to shooting a duck.

CO Danny Walzak assisted Livingston County officers on a complaint of a person shooting a sand hill crane. CO Walzak obtained a written confession from the individual.

While checking an angler who was dip-netting, CO Danny Walzak was told by the angler about how he used to get in trouble but, lately, he's been doing a pretty good job of "keeping himself clean". A check in LEIN revealed that the angler had two warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett responded to a RAP complaint of a subject keeping an over limit of white bass at the Edison Fishing Pier. The complainant stated that the subject was taking fish back to his vehicle, returning, and continuing to fish. CO Ennett got a good description of the subject and vehicle and checked him at the car. He had 10 fish with him and 23 more in another bucket, for a total of 33 fish. The subject said he thought the limit at the pier was 25, but had no answer when it was pointed out to him that he

still had an over limit no matter where he had been fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark Ennett and Jonathan Sklba assisted Fisheries Division with steelhead plantings on the Huron River near South Rockwood. The COs were on scene when the truck appeared at the planting location and assisted, then stood by until the fish were fairly well dispersed.

After watching the release of 35,000 steelhead into the Huron River, CO Jonathan Sklba patrolled the Huron River and contacted a subject who had caught a steelhead. The subject did not have a fishing license. The fish was seized and he was issued a ticket for possess fish without a license.

CO Ben Shively observed two subjects actively fishing for bass during the closed season on Long Lake in Oakland County. He observed the subjects passing what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette back and forth while fishing. CO Shively contacted the subjects at the launch ramp and ticketed them for attempting to take bass during the closed season.

CO Ben Shively responded to a recreational trespass complaint of two subjects who had sneaked onto a lake in northern Oakland County and stole a boat belonging to the property owner and were on the lake fishing. With the assistance of an off-duty MSP trooper, CO Shively contacted the subjects when they approached the shore. Both subjects were ticketed for recreational trespass and one was ticketed for fishing without a license. The boat was returned to the property owner.

CO Ben Shively checked two anglers in a canoe on the Shiawassee River in northern Oakland County. When CO Shively approached the canoe, he observed a subject with a spear standing in the rear of the canoe. The subject advised that he was spearing frogs and carp. CO Shively informed the subject that frog season was closed. An inspection of the vessel found that neither subject had PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively checked four anglers fishing at Lower Pettibone Lake access site in Oakland County. While approaching the subjects, CO Shively observed one of the subjects attempt to hide a beer. Upon checking the subjects, no one possessed a 2009 fishing license, one was a minor in possession of alcohol, and two subjects had furnished him with the alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively was working a late night patrol on the Huron River in Oakland County when he observed two subjects appear and begin fishing a closed section of river. CO Shively, using his night vision goggles, observed the subjects for an hour and a half. The subjects were smoking marijuana, and he watched one of the subjects catch a trout and hide it in the weeds. As the subjects were preparing to leave, CO Shively made contact and recovered the 17 inch trout from the weeds. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively was working the Huron River and contacted a photographer who was at the dam taking photos. The photographer stated that the CO should have been there ten minutes earlier because a subject was fishing in the closed waters and had just caught a large trout. The photographer showed CO Shively the photo of the subject posing with the fish. When asked if he saw the subject release the fish he stated that the subject took it into the weeds and was going to release it upstream. CO Shively identified the subject from the photo and went into the weeds and followed the subject's tracks through the mud to a clearing. He searched the area and located a 25 inch trout hidden in the leaves. CO Shively retrieved the trout and contacted the subject, who was attempting to avoid the CO. Upon seeing CO Shively, the subject threw a marijuana cigarette he had just lit into the weeds. The subject was ticketed for taking trout during the closed season, and issued verbal warnings on fishing waters posted closed and use of marijuana. The fish was seized and weighed in at seven and a half pounds. Restitution will be sought.

CO Ben Shively has issued five tickets to subjects fishing in waters posted closed on the Huron River and one ticket for fish for trout no all species license.

CO Kris Kiel wrote two tickets for fishing without a license. He later wrote a ticket to a subject for using gobies for bait to catch bass. CO Kiel watched a few subjects fishing at the 9 mile pier on Lake St. Clair and observed that one subject had a minnow trap down and was baiting his hook with fish taken from the minnow trap. CO Kiel also watched him catch two smallmouth bass and return them. When CO Kiel checked him, the angler reeled in his lines and his hooks were baited with gobies. The subject tried to tell CO Kiel that the gobies must have bit the small piece of worm that he had on the hook. CO Kiel told him that it was not possible due to the fact that the gobies had been hooked through both lips. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska responded to a complaint of a person who shot a loon. CO Szyska spoke to the complainant, who stated she was in her house when she heard a gun shot and looked out to see the loon was dead on the water. CO Szyska could not make out the waterfowl from shore as it had already drifted out. He launched his patrol boat and picked up the animal, which was a double crested cormorant. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Mark Papineau reports that three subjects were found guilty of fishing during the walleye closure with illegal tackle. Each paid \$125 in fines and costs. He also reports that a subject he arrested during deer season pled guilty to two counts of taking deer illegally and was sentenced to fines and costs including \$2000 restitution and loss of hunting privileges for four years.

CO Linda Scheidler received a RAP complaint of three males taking walleye out of season. While CO Scheidler was watching the subjects, she observed another subject catch a walleye in front of her and hide it under some rocks. One of the three original subjects was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Linda Scheidler and Al Schwiderson worked the Flint River for illegal walleye fishing activity. The COs contacted a group of anglers leaving a remote area of the river in possession of ten walleye and one smallmouth bass. One of the subjects provided the COs information on additional anglers across the river. CO Schwiderson contacted five subjects with seven walleye. One of the subjects had a felony warrant for his arrest for absconding from parole. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach received a complaint of a subject shooting geese with a .22 rifle. He was shooting at geese on a lake behind his house. When CO Kovach contacted the subject, the subject stated he was told by a sheriff's deputy to say that he was target shooting. CO Kovach explained that shooting across the water toward his neighbor's house is careless. CO Kovach is seeking a four count warrant on the subject.

CO Ken Kovach checked a gravel pit where there is high illegal ORV use. He contacted several ORV operators and issued six tickets for various ORV violations. He also contacted two subjects with warrants.

CO Ken Kovach responded to a "forest fire". When CO Kovach arrived on scene, the subject stated "Looks like this one got away from me." The subject was burning brush in his backyard. When the fire chief arrived he confirmed the subject did not have a burn permit. Enforcement action was taken.